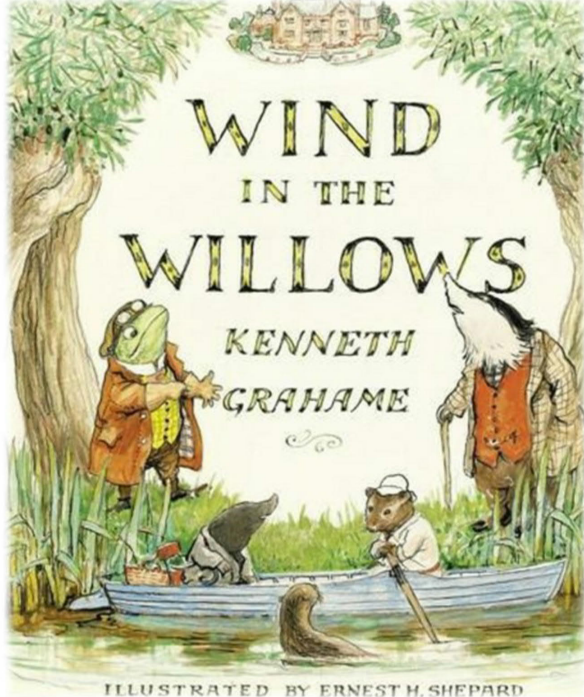


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Thistle Green Community Room Swavesey

11.30 – 3.30



Various Stalls

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Tombola

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&

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St. Andrew's Church
Swavesey, Cambridgeshire

Saturday
8th June
2 - 5 pm



Soft toy hot air balloon ride to the tower

Soft toy bear zip wire ride

Refreshments

Children's activities

In aid of the Church fabric fund

EDITORIAL

Halfway through the year already! as this edition comes out we are hoping for fine weather for all those outdoor activities, holidays, sports events, and just lazing in the garden!

Looking back to the annual parish meeting I gather there was some discussion regarding the long "Run in " to publication and the difficulty of meeting the deadline. This is always stated at the end of the editorial in every issue. I know it can be hard to get the information ready in time but if you have an event you want to publicise then remember :

THE MERIDIAN HAS A WEBSITE which is updated weekly so you can post information here. The contact details for the webmaster are on Page 5 of this magazine.

Deadline for the August/September issue is **20th JUNE**.

Editor

Cover Image - Winning photographs from Swavesey Camera Club's Annual Exhibition showing (clockwise from top) Most popular in show 'Nice wheels' by Ray McMurray, Open Competition (Junior Category) winner 'Exploring Swan by Elizabeth Dear and Open Competition (Adult Category) winner ' Puffin looking back' by Lewis Turner.

Inside Front Cover - Wind in the Willows

Inside Back Cover - Bike Rides

Back Cover - Pantaloons - Sense & Sensibility

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Saturday 08 June 2019	St Andrews Church	Teddy Bear Balloon & Zip Wire ride up and down the tower. 2 - 5pm at St Andrews Church Tower
Sunday 16 June 2019	Over Day Centre	Bike Rides 50 & 8.5 Miles. See poster on Meridian cover for details
Saturday 22 June 2019	Swavesey Primary School	Swavesey Primary School Annual Summer Fete at the school from 11am to 2pm. Free entry, everyone is welcome!!
Friday 28 June 2019	Swavesey Festival	Pantaloons present "Sense & Sensibility", Open air on Market Street Green at 7.30pm
Saturday 06 July 2019	Thistle Green Sheltered Housing	Summer BBQ 11.30am - 3.30pm at Thistle Green Community Centre
Sunday 04 August 2019	St Andrews Church	"Wind in the Willows". 3pm in St Andrews Church. In aid of the church fabric fund
16 November 2019	St Andrews Church	New Cambridge Singers concert
22 November 2019	St Andrews Church	"A Christmas Carol" Theatre performance
30 November 2019	St Andrews Church	Advent Craft Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival

June		
Saturday 1	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Summer Coffee Morning - Bring & Buy Sale of Plants, Produce & Cakes - 10.30am – 12.30pm at Bethel Baptist Church
Thursday 6	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 8	St Andrews Church	Teddy Bear Balloon & Zip Wire ride up and down the tower. 2 - 5pm at St Andrews Church Tower
Thursday 13	Parish Council	Planning Meeting - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall
Thursday 13	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 15	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Visit to The Flower Meadows Over with Trevor Grange - Meet at Car Park next to Over Windmill at 2.00pm
Sunday 16	Over Day Centre	Bike Rides 50 & 8.5 Miles. See poster on Meridian cover for details
Thursday 20	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 22	Swavesey Primary School	Swavesey Primary School Annual Summer Fete at the school from 11am to 2pm. Free entry, everyone is welcome!!
Monday 24	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall commencing 7.30pm
Thursday 27	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 28	Swavesey Festival	Pantaloons present "Sense & Sensibility", Open air on Market Street Green at 7.30pm
July		
Thursday 4	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 6	Thistle Green Sheltered Housing	Summer BBQ 11.30am - 3.30pm at Thistle Green Community Centre
Thursday 11	Parish Council	Planning Meeting - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall
Thursday 11	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 12	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Everyone Welcome to a 'Bring & Share' Supper in the Barn at Striplands Farm – Longstanton - Donation: £5 per person or a contribution
Thursday 18	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Monday 22	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall commencing 7.30pm
Thursday 25	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
August		
Sunday 4	St Andrews Church	"Wind in the Willows". 3pm in St Andrews Church. In aid of the church fabric fund
Thursday 8	Parish Council	Planning Meeting - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall

A Spring Explosion – of Weeds at Hale Road Allotments

The last two weeks of February were unseasonably mild which encouraged a seasonal favourite, purple sprouting broccoli, to mature in abundance along with an early crop of rhubarb. The downside of this warm spell was an early explosion of weeds and land that was bare at the beginning of the month was now covered in a green carpet of low growing weeds. The main culprit was groundsel which grows quickly but is relatively easy to pull up and many plot holders set about the task with enthusiasm. The plant is toxic to humans although it was used in small doses medicinally in days gone by. Rabbits are partial to the weed but the special fencing which surrounds the site is designed to keep them out. If only we could train the rabbits to eat the weeds and leave our crops alone. Another creature partial to groundsel is the caterpillar of the cinnabar moth and the distinctive yellow and black striped caterpillars can be found munching on the leaves later in the year. Unlike the cabbage whites the cinnabar moth is a gardener's friend and has been used in parts of the world as weed control, unfortunately the population around the allotments is not enough to have much effect.

At the time of writing this article we are coming up to the Easter weekend with glorious weather forecast. Easter is a period of high activity among gardeners and allotmenters when traditionally we were told to plant our new potatoes on Good Friday. As Easter is a festival which can vary by up to four weeks this did not make sense and most of the plot holders make a first planting around the end of March. Some have reported shoots appearing and with the warm weather to heat up the soil more will surely break through. Earthing up will be an essential task to protect against any late frost.

The turn over of plot holders on Hale Road is slightly lower than the national average and around 60% of the original occupants are still beavering away. The quality of the site may be the reason with rabbit and deer fencing, toilets, water, manure and soil improver all included in the plot rent. Some may give up in the late summer after deciding that this is not for them but most reluctantly stand down due to changes in personal circumstances and that can happen at any time. Allotment popularity seems to go in cycles and 20 years ago it was at a low with many plots on sites around the country unattended. At the moment it would appear that the trend is on the rise and associations are reporting healthy waiting lists. Hale Road is no different and currently the waiting time is possibly two years. Applicants are offered vacant plots in chronological order so the quicker you get your name down on the waiting list the sooner you may be digging away to your hearts content. Full details for application are listed in the Club Information section of the Meridian.

Swavesey Camera Club Annual Exhibition

Swavesey Camera Club held its Annual Exhibition on Saturday 27th April 2019 in the Memorial Hall. Over 150 visitors braved the winds from storm Hannah and visited the show to see the recent work of club members. With nearly 240 prints on display there was plenty to see and enjoy with photographs covering a wide range of different types from the bustle of street photography and the action of wildlife photography to the tranquillity of misty morning landscapes. Teas, coffees and home-baked cakes provided welcome sustenance and a chance to reflect on or discuss favourite photos while watching the selection of audio-visual presentations.

As usual the club held an Open Photographic Competition in association with the Exhibition and this year's winners were Elizabeth Dear (Junior School Category) with a photo entitled 'Exploring Swan' and Lewis Turner (Adult Category) with a photo entitled 'Puffin looking back'. Both photos were on display in the exhibition and can be seen on the front cover.

Each visitor was asked to choose their favourite photo of the show and, while many commented on how difficult it was to choose just one, nearly all did manage as over 140 votes were cast. In joint third place Simon Shore's 'On Ulswater' and Kevin Lunham's 'Wet hair jay' attracted 6 votes each while in second place Derek Smith's 'Wind pumps' polled 7 votes. Our runaway winner was Ray McMurray with his stunning black and white street photo 'Nice wheels' which received 9 votes. For those members not fighting it out for the podium places nearly every exhibitor received at least one vote.

While the photographs on display this year ranged from Alaska to the Antarctic, it is perhaps reassuring to know that some of the most popular photos were taken locally. The club will be starting its summer break in June but for those of you who might have now been inspired to get out with a camera, whether that is an iPhone or a DSLR you would be very welcome to join us at one of our Thursday evening meetings. Our new programme starts in September and next year's exhibition will be on 25 April 2020.

For further details on meeting dates and what is going on at Swavesey Camera Club see our website www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk or follow us on Instagram and Facebook under swaveseycameraclub.



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W.I. News

Dates for Your Diary

June 10th	Superstitions, Cures and Remedies. Talk by Andrew Sankey.
July 8th	History of Belly Dancing Workshop by Sue Barker. (This could be a laugh, an evening not to be missed!)
Aug 12th	Picnic Evening
Sept 9th	Coco Chanel.. Talk by Carole Pook.

At our recent AGM in March, Linda Saunders was elected President for the ensuing year. Together with the Committee and all our members, Linda is looking forward to the year ahead with a new programme of talks and various activities.

In April, Simon Shore and Neville Tait gave us an excellent talk and film presentation of their trip to Namibia. Both are very keen photographers and their photos were stunning. They gave us a wonderful picture of a beautiful country, so very different from what we are used to.

If you wonder what other activities our WI enjoys, the following will give you an idea. We have a Book Group, a Darts Team, a Walking Group and an Eating Out Group. Plus, we can be found at Compass Cafe every second Thursday, serving our famous homemade cakes and fresh coffee.

We meet monthly on the second Monday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Interested?...Give Deirdre a call 01954 230897 for further details.

From the Spartans

It has been another great year for Swavesey Spartans. The club continues to grow by bringing on the younger age groups through our joint training sessions on a Saturday morning. We will now be looking for a new coach to help support this and the younger age group as Lee and Joby move in to the mini league with their team. The club will support and pay for a coach to complete the Level 1 course and DBS checks with the FA. Either myself or Colin would be happy to have a call or chat with anyone who is interested and give an overview of the role of a coach at this age group. We really need further support at this level in order to offer these age groups the chance to be involved in football.

Continuing on the topic of support, we are looking as a club for more help from local companies please. Whether this would be an opportunity for a business to sponsor the club as whole, across the different leagues (Girls, Mini and Colts) or to help with sponsorship of individual teams. Alternatively, if you would be willing to give up some of your time to help the club in other ways such as helping us to organise fundraising events or join the committee as we are looking for someone to help manage various projects we would like to complete this year. Any support would be appreciated and we would be happy to discuss these options with you in more detail.

Finally, 2019 is the 30th anniversary of Swavesey Spartans as a football club. To get to this milestone is a huge achievement and it would not be possible without any of the coaches, managers and volunteers who have given up their time and helped to grow the club to what it is today. I would like to thank all of those who are or have been involved in some way with the club over the years and have given up their time so that children across the age groups have a chance to be involved in football. A big thank you also goes to all the players involved over the years as well without your commitment and enthusiasm for the game, we wouldn't have a club at all. We will be celebrating this on our annual Spartans day which will take place on the green on 15 June throughout the day, so please join us in celebrating the season

What's next for The Over Players?

Thanks to the fantastic support of our community, our recent production of "Beauty and the Beast" was the most successful Pantomime in The Over Players' history, with every seat sold. We've even been put forward for an award for our programme by the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) East!

Since then we have been busy and here are some dates for your diary:

- By the time you read this you will have missed a new short play written specially for us, "The Play's The Thing", by Kirsty Smillie, at Sawston Drama Festival, but don't worry because we will be performing it again at Welwyn Drama festival (www.welwyndramafestival.com) during the week May 13-18th (exact date to be confirmed).
- Monday April 15th the box office opens for our next big production 'Dame Agatha's Greatest Case' (6th to 8th June at the Over Community Centre, CB24 5NW). This hilarious spoof country-house murder thriller is written by Robert Sheppard and is sure to be a great night out if the first rehearsals are anything to go by.

Sir Redvers Brandling and his wife are hosting a jolly weekend at their country house. Among the guests are a Cabinet minister and his wife, a Hollywood starlet, a well known playboy and old school friend of Lady Bertha's, Dame Agatha Crustie along with her companion. Add into the mix a selection of well known Gilbert and Sullivan tunes, a notorious criminal with his henchman, the Brandlings' charlady (with a penchant for mis-quoting Shakespeare), and back-chatting servants. As the party assemblies, a web of tangled relationships is revealed, the atmosphere becomes increasingly fraught, culminating in a murder most foul.

The intrigue makes for an entertaining evening. Why not come and see if you can guess 'Who Dunnit'?

The Over Players is your local drama group, drawing members from many local villages. If you would like to get involved, either on stage or behind the scenes, do get in touch by emailing secretary@overplayers.uk. To find out more please visit www.overplayers.uk

Longstanton Grasshoppers Cricket Club

Things are warming up here at Longstanton Cricket Club in readiness for the new season and we would like to welcome members from Swavesey. Outdoor nets began in April and are on Tuesday evenings from 6.00 p.m. for adults and colts.

Junior nets are also up and running on Friday evenings and we are pleased to share that we are running the ECB All Star's programme this year. Please see <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars> for All Stars details and for registration information. We plan to run eight 45-minute sessions over nine weeks from Friday 13th May – Friday 12 July, 6-6.45pm (no session in summer half term 31st May). With this initiative we can provide cricket opportunities for children aged 5 to 8 years.

We are very keen to meet any prospective new players from Swavesey, young or old, of any ability so come on down and take a look, introduce yourself, give it a try. Our first team will be playing Senior League Division 1 this season, having been promoted last season and our second team will be playing in Junior Division 3. Matches are on Saturday afternoons on the Recreation Ground in Longstanton; we have a very good cricket square, an improving outfield and there are refreshments available in the Pavilion.

We are very proud of our success in bringing local youngsters through the ranks into the senior team so if you aspire to higher standard cricket, we can provide a great route.

We are again running three junior sides across the age ranges up to Under 15; we view this as vital as the youth continue to graduate into the adult sides.

Longstanton Cricket Club is Clubmark accredited, so you can be assured that the Club provides the right environment, ensuring the welfare of members and encouraging everyone to enjoy sport.

Contact: info@longstantoncc.co.uk, Ian Handy

Swavesey & District History Society

March meeting. Nearly 60 members and visitors attended a presentation by Alison Dickens, from Rampton who updated us on investigations at Northstowe. Cambridge Archaeological Unit started their far-ranging reconnaissance survey of the former bomber base in 2003, identifying 43 sites of interest, then very detailed excavations started in 2015. A large area of Iron Age settlement has been identified but this is overlain by a much more extensive area of Roman remains and activity, indicating the Roman town was 2 to 3 times larger than Roman Cambridge.

Because there is little local building stone, wood was used almost exclusively for building and apart from in some waterlogged areas this has mostly decayed. Aerial photos show several Iron Age tracks and enclosures and subsequent Roman settlement

was alongside these tracks. Pits, ponds, wells, metal workings and bone workings were found in the Phase 1 area along with a single pottery kiln. A very large number of coins from the 100 BC to 200 AD period has been found, followed by an explosion in the number of coins from 200 to 400 AD, with the occasional small hoard but mainly just individual losses. In the Phase 2 area a shrine containing Iron Age pottery was found which was later enclosed in a square with a double ditch by the Romans who placed burials within. Multiple Roman activity identified in the Phase 2 subsoil extended to more than a kilometre and included a cistern where water was stored, with well-preserved wood in the deepest area and many objects thrown into the cistern. A com drier with underfloor heating was readily identified. Many tonnes of bone and metal have been excavated along with 85,000 sherds of Roman pottery. Much imported Samian ware with high quality decoration was common along with spearheads, axe heads, spoons, statues and jugs. Lots of cremation pots containing burnt bones and with grave goods alongside have been excavated. As well as cremation, many inhumation graves have been uncovered, some skeletons with their shoes on but also around 10% of mainly female skeletons with their heads, removed after death, and placed between their lower legs which was fairly common practice in the Fens. Phase 3 area remains to be excavated.

April meeting. Marcus Brittain reported on research by Cambridge Archaeological Unit, mainly carried out in 2015/16, under the title "The Archaeology of the Manea Colony: Fenland Utopia". This nineteenth century utopian community came about as a result of popular reaction to the two extremes of flamboyant affluence and extreme poverty during the period from about 1770 to 1830, which included the lengthy Napoleonic Wars, by which time the high cost of living and unemployment were swelling the number of poor in the country. Robert Owen (1771 – 1858), a wealthy cotton mill owner, was a man ahead of his time. During his lifetime, he endeavoured to improve the health, education, well-being and rights of the working class, outlining his visionary plans for a progressive and enlightened system of education which he believed was the key to a happier society, and universal harmony. One of his followers, William Hodson, a local farmer and lay Methodist Minister near Christchurch quickly created his own version of a socialist utopian colony in 1838 on 25 acres of his own land at Manea Fen, immediately adjacent to the Old Bedford river and next to an existing brick quarry. Hodson believed that religion and Socialism could work together although Owen disagreed. The first colonists arrived in 1838 and there was a plan to erect 120 houses along with workshops, barns, school and a mill. Just over two years later in 1841 the whole project collapsed, with the main problem being people and personalities. There was ongoing friction between Hodson and Owen and between Hodson and his Wisbech banker, with much negative publicity in the Press about the community. Hodson claimed the wrong people had been chosen because they had been asked the wrong questions for the formation of a Socialist Colony. Up to about fifteen houses had been built along with several outbuildings and the site sold for a good price in 1846. By 1850 the railway network was established and expanding rapidly which, along with a disastrous fire in Mepal, allowed the then current residents to prosper from the brick quarry for many years.



The Odyssey Performed by The Pantaloons

We had another treat from “The Pantaloons” on Sunday 10 March - the young vibrant theatre company who first came to Swavesey for The Festival in summer, 2018. They performed in the Memorial Hall with their version of “The Odyssey” – the whole story crammed into 90 minutes, as they said, “without the boring bits”. I think everyone who went would agree that it was a thoroughly enjoyable performance and they were given a standing ovation at the end.

They will be returning this summer for an open-air performance on Market Street Green on the evening of Friday 28th June to give their version of “Sense and Sensibility”. Details for timing, tickets etc. are in the colourful poster are on the outside back page of this magazine. As in 2018, bring along chairs, a picnic and drinks, but beware; I remember that the cast were not averse to pinching the odd drink or snack during the performance!

Although there is no full festival this year, this is a Swavesey Festival event, kindly sponsored by Ash Croft Veterinary Surgery, and all profits will go towards the Swavesey Festival 2020.

Simon Shore, simonshore99@gmail.com

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15.

To take part in this popular competition phone

Sally Unwin on 01954 230200. Latest winners are;



	£	March 2019	April 2019
First prize	60	Geoff Green	Margaret Springer
Second prize	30	Margaret Springer	John Burgess
Third prize	15	Shirley Hall	Lisa Boyes



An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Floating Barriers

One of the most important habitats we have here at Fen Drayton Lakes for breeding birds are the small, lightly vegetated islands on Moore Lake and Ferry Mere. These are used to build nests directly on the ground by a host of species including oystercatcher, lapwing, black-headed gull and common tern. It is therefore important that we protect these islands as best as we can to safeguard nesting birds from ground predators such as foxes.

In 2017 a trial floating fence was installed around one of the main islands on Moore Lake and has proved to be a success. This floating fence consists of wire mesh panels, extending above and below the surface, and connected to floating booms encircling the island.

Following advice from one of our ecologists, we are now trialling a new, much simpler and cheaper design around another island. It consists of small floats threaded onto a buoyant rope and looks much like a swimming pool lane divider. The theory is that predators won't dive under the rope and won't be able to gain a purchase to go over, or at least will be put off from trying, thereby preventing their access to the island. Time will tell if this theory is correct.

If you want to see the floating barriers, head over to the hide at Moore Lake, a five minutes' walk from the guided bus cycleway.



Floating fence on Moore Lake - Simon Freedman

Get involved....

Our events in 2019:

Dragonfly Walk

Go on a guided walk around the reserve to learn all about dragonflies and damselflies.

Sunday, 21st July, 2-4pm. Booking required

Willow Weaving Workshops

Join us to learn how to use willow harvested at the reserve for weaving.

Sunday, 8th Sept, 10am-4pm: Garden obelisk

Sunday 8th Dec, 10am-4pm: Christmas decoration

Booking required

Stargazing

Join experts from the Cambridge Astronomical Association on a stargazing evening at the lakes.

Saturday, 12th Oct, 8:30-9:30pm. Booking required

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of each month. There's no need to book and it only costs £3 for members and £4 for others. Walkers meet at the main car park, leaving at 10:15am.

Volunteering

We always need help to keep on top of our lengthy jobs list, keep our trails safe and our bird feeders topped up. If you'd like to find out about our volunteering opportunities, please get in touch.

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MISCELLANY

Where I grew up. Part 2 of 2: Some things we did

Three of us boys slept in one of the large rooms at the front of the farmhouse. There was no central heating or double glazing of course and it took a lot of scratching to remove four square inches of thick frost from inside a window on a winter's morning. In 1957 electricity was connected to the farm. Until then we had gas lighting in the main rooms supplied from large gas cylinders stored in the washhouse.

As I was saying, I grew up on a farm in the Fens to the west of Downham Market in Norfolk. Although it was originally a very big farm complex when built in 1847 it had been compulsorily purchased by Norfolk County Council in 1919 and split into six smallholdings. Each tenant had around 60 acres of land with father having the biggest allocation of 65 acres. All fields, whether peaty or silty, were on high-quality Grade 1 land, capable of growing large yields of high-value crops such as onions, strawberries, potatoes and sugar beet with cereals as a filler. Arable/horticulture crops were labour-intensive then but three of us five boys were born pre-war (not me), so father had a physically strong labour force throughout the '50s and '60s. By far the most profitable year for local farmers was 1976 when the water-retentive peat and silt was able to produce moderately high potato yields in this extremely droughty year when the crop failed in the rest of the country and farmers with any to sell received in excess of £300 per tonne by the end of the season. To avoid a large tax bill all farmers in the village purchased new cars, tractors, combine harvesters, buildings and so on in 1976/7.

Me and my youngest brother cycled to the village school about a mile away. There were typically around 32 pupils on the books each year, split about evenly between primary and junior classes so we had two teachers. I remember a text book entitled "Essential studies in English" and we learned about the fishing fleet down the east coast, but I don't remember being taught any geography or history or science and we seemed to spend most of the time playing with Plasticine. At playtime we ran about pretending to be aeroplanes in summer and each winter we created a very long slippery and dangerous slide right across the playground.

All of the fields nearest to the road through the village had previously been used to contain horses so they were surrounded by hedges. In summer we would go along the hedges finding the nests of blackbirds, thrushes, robins, goldfinches, blue tits, yellowhammers, pigeons and many more. Up in the tangled web of fine branches in lime trees there might be twenty sparrows' nests in a colony. In the dykes we often found the nests of waterhen and occasionally wild ducks. There were rabbits in holes at the base of the thicker hedges and out in the arable fields there were hares, pheasant and partridge while skylarks and lapwings (green plovers) were numerous.

On Saturday mornings we helped to muck out the pigs and spread fresh straw which they thoroughly enjoyed rooting in, searching for a few grains of barley or wheat still hidden in the threshed heads. The many original farm buildings were divided equally between the six tenants and this is where the pigs were kept for fattening and sending to the livestock market in Kings Lynn. Pigeons nested on the ledges of windows and in the rafters of what had originally been horse stables. The big, tall barn however, was a communal building for storing harvested cereal grain in sacks from August/September and each tenant had his own section. Every smallholder in the village kept chickens because the buyer in Downham Market collected eggs once a week and conveniently paid in cash which was quickly used in the two shops in the village to pay for groceries at the weekend, thus bypassing the tax man.

The worst job on Saturday mornings was singling sugar beet in the days before monogerm seed. This meant slowly crawling along on hands and knees for mile after mile of rows to ensure only a single beet plant remained about every 9 inches. Strawberry picking was also a back-breaking job but at least it was done as piece-work which means you got paid by weight of fruit picked and if you started early in the morning you could earn good money. Potato picking was enjoyable because you worked in a gang which made time pass more quickly. As I said at the beginning, growing up on a farm was a good experience.

Selwyn, Meridian Distribution Mgr.

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Where I grew up - Elizabeth Newman

Elizabeth Newman (nee Menzies) from Cambusnethan, Lanarkshire. Born in the 50's, the sixth child of Thomas and Jeannie.

My parents thought their family was complete with 4 children and 12 years after the last child along came John and Elizabeth. John was born 10 minutes before me but suffered a stroke at birth causing him to be handicapped. As I grew up alongside my twin, I was oblivious to his disabilities and used to chat away to him not realising I was having a one way conversation.

Our house was crammed with siblings and was filled with laughter and love. As I was the youngest, I experienced the loss of each of my older siblings leaving home. The eldest William, to the RAF in Duxford (where he met his wife Anne). Catherine married Jim but they continued to live with us for a few years (was supposed to be temporary but lasted 5 years). James was next to leave after qualifying as a master carpenter he moved to Oxford with his new wife Alice. Next to leave was my favourite sibling Janette who married at 18 to Johnny and moved to Shotts, only 6 miles away but I felt like it was a lot further.

My sister Catherine had her first child, Jean when I was 4 years old. I remember going in the taxi to pick up my sister, her husband and baby. I was told you will love this baby, but in reality, I loved the taxi ride more as it was my first one!

Lesson 1: Be nice. I was Jean's guardian – or supposed to be! I would only play with her if it was raining or my friends weren't available. Jean adored me and would follow me around constantly. I used to play games with her, one I recall was taking all her dolls and stuffing them into her pram and I gave her a special doll to look after. It was a lemonade bottle with a hat on and I wrapped it in blankets and told her she had to sing to the baby and not let it get cold. After some time, Jean got a bit suspicious of me as she named all her dollies in the pram and wanted to know what this one looked like! My sister chased me down the street threatening to kill me if she caught me when she found out!

Lesson 2. Be good. While at primary school it was deemed that us children from underprivileged homes be taken away to a school camp in Abernethan near the borders to experience the joys of open air living. On one of the many excursions we went hill walking. I decided to climb the hill and reach the top. My friends got bored and left me to carry out my quest. Every time I thought I was reaching the summit; another hill would be seen. I was eventually rescued by the mountain rescue team and spent the rest of my "holiday" grounded.

Lesson 3. Don't cheat. As I got to around 10 years old, I was entrusted with looking after my sleeping twin John. Mum would tuck us up in bed and go to the bingo once a week. My father worked shifts, so he wasn't at home. I would say I will be bored and so she would give me board games to play. Good fun snakes and ladders, I would pick the blue plastic thingy and say to John you can be red. Invariably John would overtake me, so I would then say to him we can change, I will be red and you blue. I realised after a while when you cheat to win it's not winning!

Lesson 4. Be a good Christian. Most mornings in our little school the Minister would preach to us to cleanse our souls and clean our minds of bad thoughts. I used to think well my hair is washed with carbollic soap so surely my mind must be quite clean. Occasionally we would be

able to pick a hymn. Fortunately, or unfortunately I had been visiting the tent on the green where the Salvation Army visited. I loved their music and felt it was so happy in comparison to the hymns we had to endure at school. So, when my turn to pick a hymn came, I asked for Onward Christian Soldiers!!! We sang it with gusto! While going to Sunday School every Sunday (my mum wanted to get me out of the house) I realised the little card they tick for attendance gets ticked if you say you were ill. I used to try to get out of Sunday School as often as possible. Imagine my mother's surprise when I got the first prize for attendance at Sunday School, she was mortified. Hopefully I have turned out to be a nice, good, non-cheating Christian.

A Glance at the Past in June and July From the Cambridge Chronicle

1783, 7 June. Short weight. WB of Swavesey fined 5Gns for selling short weight bread.

1791, 2 July. Theft. Three men committed to Cambridge Gaol for stealing onions, cabbages at Swavesey: one man stealing from Edward Thorp's shop: one woman stealing wheat from the barn of Edward Stocker of Swavesey.

1807, 25 July. Quarter sessions. JF was sentenced to six months imprisonment for stealing a pair & half of plough gears from James Wragge.

1822, 12 July. Bible Society. Annual Meeting, Swavesey & Over Society, at 3 p.m. on Tuesday July 16.

1845, 12 July. Cricket. A match will be played, Swavesey v Willingham, next Wednesday starting at 10.30 a.m.

1852, 24 July. Fire. On Wednesday 14 July at eleven p.m., two small cottages were consumed by fire. The cause is not known but there is considerable anxiety and alarm about it. The property was insured with the London & Liverpool Insurance Co.

1853, 9 July. Horticultural Show. Satisfactory arrangements have been made for visitors to the Show to take place on Wed. 20th inst., in the grounds of the Manor House. The Eastern Counties Railway afford every facility to travellers, & there will be a brass band to increase the attractions.

1855, 2 June. Post. A correspondent complains that it took three days for a letter to reach Haverhill, a mere thirty miles from Swavesey.

1862, 21 June. Inquest on James Edwards. The child aged 4 ½ years had never been well since birth, and the mother was in the habit of giving the child poppy tea to ease it. On this occasion she gave him some at 6 p.m. and he died at 7 a.m. next morning. The post mortem by Mr. Daniels reported that too much poppy tea had been given. Accidental death.

1863, 18 July, Bats. Whilst Mr. William Carter's house was being repaired a nest of almost four hundred bats was discovered. Most of them were destroyed.

1865, 3 June. Annual Feast. This began on Monday and was kept with great merriment for three days following. On Sunday great crowds arrived by train and the streets of the normally quiet village presented a very gay and animated appearance. There were caravans and swinging boats

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and fancy stalls in abundance. The most orderly conduct was maintained throughout all of the festivities.

1866, 28 July. Annual School Treat. Given by the Vicar to about 200 including the day, Sunday School and teachers. Tea and cakes were enjoyed on the lawn in front of Mr. Long's house. After tea there were games of cricket, football, swing boats, and scrambling for nuts and sweets. Emily Grenfell was given a prize for her knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and Emma Thorpe, a prize for her needlework.

1872, July. General Advertisement. Great Eastern Railway, 1st class return to Bishopgate station, London 8/-, Covered Car 4/-. Depart Cambridge 8.45, arrive London 10.45.

1893, 14 July. Fatal Accident. Inquest at The Swan with Two Necks on Arthur Fletcher age 26. James Stoll, engine driver gave evidence that he was driving the 6.57 special on Tuesday, the line was signalled clear. He saw Fletcher run from the end of the platform (in Swavesey Station) along the down line, he had not time to whistle, but shut off the steam immediately. William Perry, the Station Master corroborated this. The train being a special was not down on the time table, and Fletcher would not have known that a train was coming through. Verdict, Accidental Death.

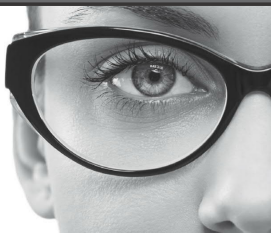
1897, 25 June. Celebrations. The Jubilee tea was held at 4 p.m. in Mr. T. Carter's barn, for the children, and tea for the adults in the National School and the barn. Sports were held on the Green and there was a good display of flags and bunting. The Rev. Vidler's wife distributed the prizes. On Wednesday Mr. Long had his celebrations for his workpeople in the grounds of his house, and in the evening the charming grounds were open to the public.

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The Greenwich Meridian Line

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The Greenwich Meridian was established in 1851 and was accepted internationally by 1884 as a means of defining longitude, essential for maritime navigation. From its starting point at the Royal Observatory at Greenwich it lasers across the country invisibly dividing east from west. Heading north, it bisects Cambridgeshire, entering the county just west of Melbourn, where it is marked with a stone monument like a large milestone. At numerous points along the route its intangible presence is made real by such markers: in Meldreth, a fine granite sundial, unveiled by the Astronomer Royal, Sir Martin Rees; at Orwell, little green discs on the trees, and then another monument, looking like a large white cricket ball, seamed by the dark meridian. Between Little and Great Eversden, it is marked with a bright blue bollard; in Toft, another fine sundial, in Cumbrian slate. Thus, it goes on: Meridian Close; Meridian Drive; Meridian Farm; the Meridian Golf Club, and plaques and trees and woods and markers, including sundials in primary school playgrounds, tracing this unseen mathematical motorway across the countryside.

A meridian is a north-south line, selected originally as the zero reference line for astronomical observations. An accurate map of the sky can be built up by comparing thousands of observations taken from the same meridian. The line in Greenwich represents the historic Prime Meridian of the World - Longitude 0°. The line itself divides the eastern and western hemispheres of the Earth. So, if you stand with one foot on the right side of one of the four posts in Swavesey and the other on the left, you are perfectly in the middle of east and west, according to the prime meridian line.

The Greenwich Meridian was chosen as the Prime Meridian of the World in 1884. Forty-one delegates from 25 nations met in Washington DC for the International Meridian Conference. By the end of the conference, Greenwich had won the prize of Longitude 0° by a vote of 22 to 1 against (San Domingo), with 2 abstentions (France and Brazil). There were two main reasons for the choice. The first was the fact that

the USA had already chosen Greenwich as the basis for its own national time zone system. The second was that in the late 19th century, over 70% of the world's commerce depended on sea-charts which used Greenwich as the Prime Meridian. The decision was based on the argument that by naming Greenwich as Longitude 0°, it would be advantageous to the largest number of people.

Since the late 19th century, the Prime Meridian at Greenwich has served as the reference line for Greenwich Mean Time. Before this, almost every town in the world kept its own local time. There were no national or international conventions which set how time should be measured, or when the day would begin and end, or what length an hour might be. When the railway and communications networks expanded in the 1850s and 1860s, there needed to be an international time standard. Greenwich was chosen as the centre for world time. In 1884 the Prime Meridian was defined by the position of the large 'Transit Circle' telescope in the

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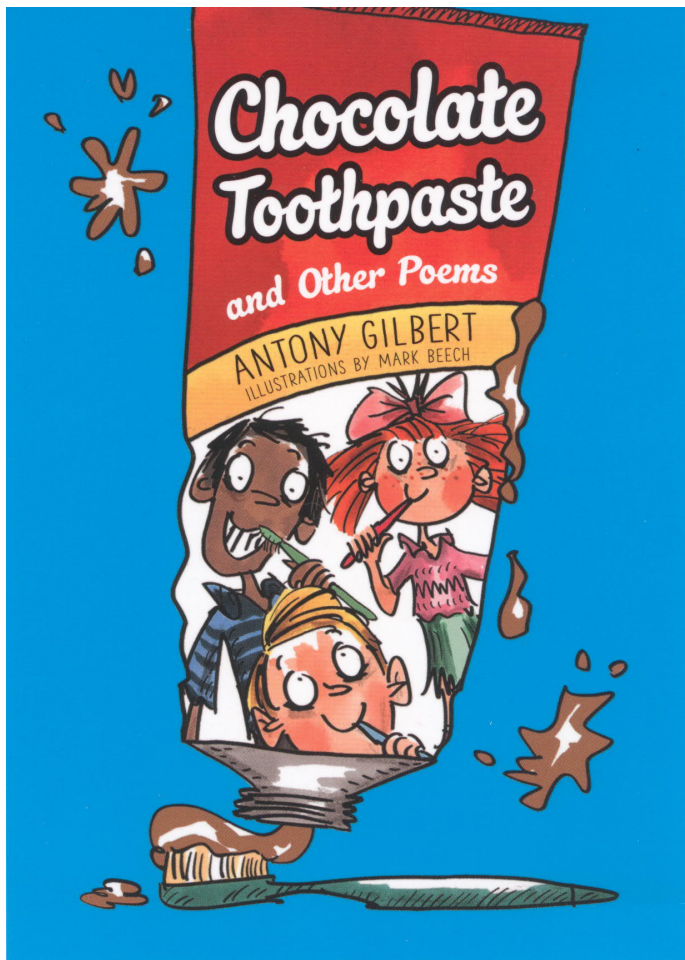
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The weekends are: July 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 and 27/28. Studios are open to visit between 11am and 6pm. However, as not all artists will exhibit every weekend it is important to check the website, or refer to the famous yellow guide. These guides will be widely available in local outlets including libraries, tourist information sites, galleries and selected shops.

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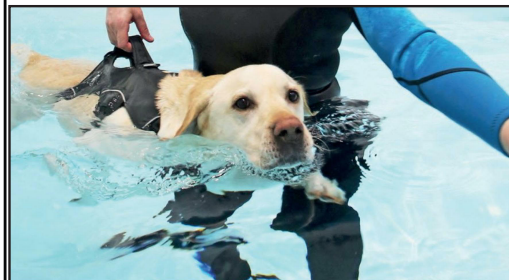


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1st Swavesey Scout Group: Summer Term

The year is zooming along, and we are trying to keep up. Since returning after the Easter holidays we have been making the most of the lighter evenings by trying to get outside as much as possible.

The summer term is when we tend to dust off the tents and head out for nights away. Beavers are very excited about attending the annual district sleepover: Beavers in Tents, hosted at the Copley Centre in St Ives. This year it takes place on midsummers night, but I feel dreams and sleep will probably be lacking!

Then the following weekend the Cubs and Scouts are away for 2 nights to Thriftwood Scout Campsite in Essex. They will be trying their hand at a 3D maze, abseiling, axe throwing, cresta runs, a Jacobs Ladder, kayaking and also rifle shooting.

Beaver Scouts have had a fun packed half term; so far we have put our bike skills to the test with the cyclist badge and have learnt a variety of knots in order to make a catapult! Our outdoor adventures continue in the second half of the term: we are leaving the village on foot for a hike to Fen Drayton and by bus to Over for our explorer's badge.

The Cubs are working on their Environmental Conservation badge. Activities include a litter pick and tree planting in the village, learning about recycling, and finding practical ways to reduce our energy and water usage. In the second half of the term we will be using our map reading skills for a mystery hike back to the Scout Hut, and finding out more about the history of Swavesey.

Scouts numbers have gone up this term to 17 young people and it has been a very fun filled first half to the term. We have been working towards our farming badge which is proving to be very interesting; thank you to David at Rosegate Farm for helping us to work towards this badge. The second half of the term will include preparing for the camp in June and we are also hoping to get out as much as possible as the night's stay lighter for longer.

All sections meet consecutively on a Tuesday evening, usually in the scout hut at the SVC, although you may see us on adventures around the village or further afield as we make the most of our longer summer days. For more information or to enrol your child, please contact the appropriate section below:

Beavers (ages 6-8) marian.bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk

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PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

Grant Funding for Small and Medium Businesses

Small and medium businesses in Cambridgeshire can access Grant Funding and Free Energy Efficiency reviews, thanks to ERDF funding.

The Business Energy Efficiency programme can potentially provide grant funding up to a maximum of £20,000, or 25% of project costs, to eligible businesses for energy efficiency improvement measures such as LED lighting, heating, insulation and solar PV.

The pot of grant funding is limited and businesses are urged to register their interest by 30th June 2019 at www.beecp.org/sign-up or call 01733 882549 or email info@beecp.co.uk



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From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All

I write during the sunny Easter holiday which gives us all a chance to relax and enjoy a break in our gardens, at events and on holiday. I hope you all have an enjoyable time, at least it should be free of road closures, Mick George lorries and traffic jams in the village! Please believe I am working very closely with the Parish Council to reduce or remove the disturbance caused. At least the A14 have now installed additional “unsuitable for HGVs” signs but I know it is still a major problem for some residents.

The permit to allow Mick George to crush concrete in his Middle Fen Drove yard behind Station Road houses was granted by the County Council in conjunction with the Environment Agency and South Cambs District Council. It was temporary for 10 working days but neither the Parish Council nor myself were warned or consulted. The fight is now on to prevent a permanent licence to be issued. I just feel it is a “no brainer”. How can it be right to install a machine which is noisy, produces dust and contaminated air, as well as the additional lorries be acceptable in a quiet, pleasant residential conservation area of a village?

The Lib-Dem administration at South Cambs District Council have decided to abolish the Elite Athletes grant scheme. The awards scheme, offering small grants to individuals out of a yearly £10,000 pot, came on the back of an initiative launched nationally by Lord Sebastian Coe, the gold medal winning runner who steered the 2012 London Olympics to success. I have to admit I am rather biased as my grandson received a grant which allowed him to train with the Olympic team in Spain. As a direct result he was admitted to the England Team for Clay Pigeon shooting and came home with 5 cups including British Junior Clay Pigeon Shooting Champion. But I feel for the relatively small amount of money this scheme helped, encouraged and supported those young people, who may not be able to bear the cost of high level sport, and provided value for money.

Last summer, the Council debated a motion on ways to reduce the incidence of single use plastics, which I was very happy to support. There are many ways in which we as a community can help to end this waste and the environmental destruction it causes. Some very simple things we can do include buying a reusable water bottle that can be filled up at taps or water coolers at work, taking a reusable coffee cup when we go to buy coffee, or buying a reusable straw. The council has taken the initiative to use glasses for water, china cups for hot drinks and provide recycling bins throughout the building. I am sure we would encourage other companies to do the same.

A consultant led management review has been undertaken since last summer and is now being implemented in the hope of reducing the current loss of staff and provide a leaner, more efficient council. I know I sound cynical but I have lived through many management restructures in the past, and although I see the need to move and adapt to new

priorities and demands, it can be so disruptive for staff that many good officers find it easier to leave than wait to see which position they will move into. I have attended a briefing and found it sad that the restructure is starting before the appointment of a Chief Executive. Restructures are usually from the top down so that the chief exec has staff they can work with.

The Council run Parklife this year on 19th May. This free family event gave the opportunity for families to try out sporting and leisure activities free of charge. It included boating, kayaking, climbing, den building and team sports. The last few years have seen beautiful sunny days with thousands of people visiting Milton Lakes and having a great day.

As always - if you think I can help call me 07774146331 or 01954 202923

Sue Ellington

District Councillor - Swavesey Ward.

Additional green bins policy

Here is a short update on the new policy for additional green bins

Since 1 April 2019, residents now have to pay a small annual fee to have their additional green bin(s) collected.

- We have communicated directly with residents who already have additional green bins. So far, we have issued 2,280 additional green bin permits. The majority have been dispatched but we get a few requests each day.
- In case of any delays with dispatch of the permit, we will continue to empty bin without a permit until the end of April. Crews left a card advising residents about the policy change and to prompt them to pay.
- Anyone who now orders an additional green bin is automatically asked to pay for the permit at the time of ordering.
- Bins and permit can up to 14 days to arrive.
- After the 30 April, we will not empty an additional green bin unless it has a permit displayed.

If you have any questions about this change, please contact Waste Policy Officer Dee Wood on: dee.wood@scams.gov.uk 01954 713641.

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News March April 2019

COUNTY COUNCIL

The PC submitted a Local Highways Improvement Bid to extend the 30mph zone and include a 40mph extension to Rose and Crown Road. This has been approved.

The PC will continue to raise concerns about the use of the site in Middle Fen drove by Mick George with various authorities concerning environmental issues and will object strongly to planning applications extending the use of the site. The PC will arrange a public display of the planning application for public comment when received.

The PC has commented on the draft Joint Mineral Waste Development Plan. The response can be read in full on the village website.

The water main between Fen Drayton and Swavesey is continuing down Cow Fen and Lairstal Drove following the work across Market Street and the Green and Taylors Lane. The work is currently behind programme.

County Cllr Mandy Smith reported on the various highway maintenance issues and continues to try to obtain planings to keep the potholes in the guided bus car park filled.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Concern by residents about the condition of the Hale Road and other byways was discussed and the PC agreed that in the long term the maintenance arrangements need to be reviewed to take account of the increased use of the byways with increased development taking place along them.

District Cllr. Sue Ellington reported on discussions between the County and District councils concerning how parking enforcement could be improved through the villages this matter is ongoing.

A14 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The PC continues to monitor the impact of traffic on the village and concerns about the junction and road closures, and is aware of residents' particular problems which are taken up with the A14 team. A new Legacy Fund has been introduced to parishes alongside the improvement works to fund highway

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improvements within villages. The Parish Council will submit up to three projects for consideration.

VILLAGE MATTERS

Two villagers have started a project 'Men in Sheds' to provide a shared work and meeting place - open to all. A shed has been identified and publicity will be evident before this article appears in the Meridian. The PC is supporting the project with a grant.

Cllr Hannah Parish and the Clerk met with a charity 'FrogLife' who will work with the PC to improve our ponds and use them to inform us on all aspects of life within them.

A Memorial Garden including relocating a red telephone box and providing a new bus shelter will be established outside the Memorial Hall.

The PC is to work with other Parishes to promote 'Timebanking', a sharing of skills in the village.

COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROJECT

Glyn Jones is leading a team to establish a community orchard for the village. The PC agreed to support the proposal to set up the orchard on Church Green. Mr Jones reported that the project is to involve villagers in all aspects of orchard management as well as enjoying the resulting fruit.

DRAINAGE

The Church Drain doors have planning approval and will be restored.

The PC is to press the Environment Agency to clear the Turnbridge Drain to avoid flood situations.

PLANNING

Bloor Homes are proposing improvements to the High Street bus stops at the Village Green. The PC are opposed to their ideas and is making strong representations to Bloor Homes and the County Council Highways Department.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Village Design Statement is out for consultation and villagers are being invited to comment. A public exhibition was arranged in May.

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The George Long Charity For Swavesey Memorial Hall 2018-2019

This last financial year has been one to enjoy all the hard work and years of projects. The Trustees have taken stock on where to channel our efforts for 2019.

The Hall is always in need of maintenance but nothing major arose until October when we uncovered a leak in the Men's Toilets. A new water boiler, repainting along with brand new flooring gave the Men's Toilets a welcome refurbishment sooner than we had imagined!

Residents and Business Bookings for the hall have been increasing, however we have had to say goodbye to a couple of local clubs due to location and capacity. The Trustees are determined for the Hall to stand on its own without the need for the running grant from the Parish Council. This is still reducing each year so we are obviously doing something right!

A constant agenda item is the Car Park and it's use by village residents who are not visiting the Hall. Quite often the cars parked on the tarmac area are not parked in the bays correctly. This makes it difficult for large vehicles to access the gravel Car Park at the rear of the Hall.

Following on from a year of reflection, it is hoped that the Gravel Area behind the bus shelter will be turned into a Memorial Hall Garden to commemorate the 100 years since World War One. This is a project we are working on with The Royal British Legion and Parish Council. At some point this year the tarmac area will be redressed and parking bays altered and realigned.

On behalf of the Trustees I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has used the Hall in the last year. We are always open to suggestions and ideas to improve our Village Hall.

Will Wright - Chairman - The George Long Charity
memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

Annual Parish Meeting 2019

At the Annual Parish Meeting, held on Weds 10th April, 33 residents heard updates from many village organisations and charities as well as a detailed report on Parish Council achievements and business over the past year. A Q&A forum after the reports had been presented, discussed the forthcoming housing developments and overnight A14 closures and traffic through the village.

A few of the main topics raised were:

HGV traffic – the number and frequency of HGV vehicles travelling through the village when the A14 overnight closures are in place is not reducing, despite constant discussions with the A14 Team about the diversion signs. A reporter from Cambridgeshire Live attended the meeting and highlighted the issue in the local press.

Housing developments – 200 new dwellings on three sites in the village now have permission. Final drainage details on two of them are yet to be confirmed but construction on all three sites is expected to start during 2019, which will add to the amount of HGV traffic in the village.

Neighbourhood Plan – an update on the progress of the plan was given. During 2018 the Steering Group has been working with architects appointed by South Cambs District Council to write a Village Design Guide, which will form part of the Local Plan and provide guidance on the style and layout of new development proposals. A public exhibition of the draft Design Guide is to be held on Weds 15th May in the Memorial Hall, between 3.30pm-8pm.

Meridian Magazine – the village magazine has been produced and delivered free to every household in the village now for 30 years. A plea was made for articles from residents for each issue. Questions were asked about whether the magazine could be monthly, rather than bi-monthly, as organising event notices so far in advance is often difficult. If this were to be considered, more articles would be required.

Full reports and draft Minutes can be found on the Swavesey Website at www.swavesey.org.uk
Swavesey Parish Council

Swavesey Parish Council – Annual Report Summary 2018-19

This year has been yet another very busy year, every year seems to bring more and more projects and issues to discuss. Again planning issues and the impact of the A14 improvement works have dominated a lot of discussion time.



Below is a summary Annual Report. Copies of the full Report will be available from June at various locations around the village as well as on the Parish Council's website www.swavesey.org.uk

Our website www.swavesey.org.uk helps to keep you informed on Parish issues and projects, as does the Parish Council Facebook page. Posts on the Parish Council pages are also shared onto the Village Life Facebook page, so along with the Meridian Magazine, we hope that every resident is able to read up to date information in their preferred format, on Parish Council business.

Finance

The Parish Council's income is received from the Parish Precept, which is collected through the Council Tax. For 2018/19 the Precept was £63,400.

The main areas of expenditure during 2018/19 were:

- Grounds maintenance (grasscutting, tree work, recreation green/football pitches, etc)
- Play equipment provision and maintenance
- Administration costs
- Grants to village organisations, including Community Warden Scheme
- Loan repayments for the 2011 grant to the Community Sports Pavilion

Expenditure (subject to audit) for 2018/19 has included:

Admin/Office costs, Insurances, Staff, Subscriptions	£41,697
Grants: To village organisations, projects, Community Warden Scheme	£8,455
Agency Services (grass cutting for CCC and SCDC)	£2,400
Grounds Maintenance	£8,336
Loan Repayments - Sports Pavilion	£4,885
Recreation/Play Area/Village Maintenance	£4,948

At the end of 2018/19 reserves are:

Funding set aside for specific projects	£5,414
S106 Funds (Indoor and Outside Community Facilities)	£57,874
Admin/insurance/contingency (Legal, Election costs)	£6,283
Village Maintenance/improvements	£9,706
General Fund	£22,614

2019/20 Budget

In finalising the budget for 2018/19, the Precept has been set at £69,000, meaning a band D property will pay £71.88 per year towards the budget for the Parish.

Parish Council work during 2018/19:

- Community Grants: Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance, Repairs to the Parish Clock, Memorial Hall Charity, Community Warden Scheme.
- Consulted on many local planning applications and continued liaison with District and County Councils on major housing development proposals.
- Improvement works to highways and footpaths in association with the County Council and A14 Team.
- Support of the Neighbourhood Plan project and work with South Cambs District Council on the Village Design Guide.
- Continued improvements to the football pitches following the very dry summer of 2018 and ground conditions on the recreation green.
- Finalising the long-term lease of a 6-acre field for future use as a sports field, received as part of S106 contributions from housing development.
- Various administration and consultation projects.
- Involvement in many consultation and liaison meetings with other local authorities.

For the forthcoming year 2019/20:

- Continued support of the Neighbourhood Plan Project.
- Continued support and provision of grants to village projects and community groups, including the Community Warden Scheme and the newly launched Shedditi – Men in Sheds Group.
- Pressure on CCC Highways re the state of the roads. With increasing HGV use, due to the A14 works and housing developments around this area, all roads through the village require resurfacing, not just patching.
- Support of the village Speedwatch initiative and investigate other ways in which speeding can be reduced and highway safety improved through the village.
- Further improvements to open space, recreation and leisure areas.
- Establishment of a Community Heritage Orchard project.
- A project with Froglife (Wildlife Charity) on restoration and conservation work around the village ponds.
- Refurbishment of the two Red BT Kiosks, now owned by the Parish and being turned into village information kiosks.
- Working with the Trustees of the Memorial Hall to create a Memorial Garden on land next to the Hall, to include relocation of a Red Kiosk and a new bus shelter.
- Respond to consultations from County, District and other organisations and work closely with our District and County Councillors.

Our thanks to the volunteers who continue to assist with the management and maintenance of our village ponds, Constable's Rood, parish trees and other public areas. Also our thanks to all of the volunteer litter clearers in the village who continue to help keep our village tidy.

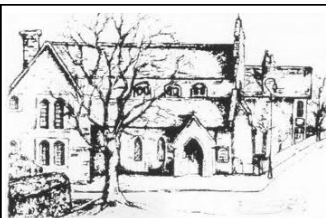
I would also like to thank those residents who attend our Parish Council meetings and everyone who responds to and supports the work of the Council. I hope that you have found this summary report of interest and that you will read through the full report, which will be available during June.

Will Wright, Chairman – Swavesey Parish Council

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St Andrew's Church News

Church News

As you read this article, we will have welcomed Simon Gill to be our new Priest in Charge. Simon was licensed by the Bishop of Ely at a service on 19 May to the parishes Longstanton including Northstowe, Over, Swavesey, and Willingham. Simon and his wife Sallie are living in the vicarage in Over. Simon has come to us from Sudbury in Suffolk where he was priest in charge at All Saints and also Rural Dean. We very much look forward to Simon's ministry in our villages and getting to know him and Sallie.

This Easter was a glorious weekend and of course the most important time of the year for us at St Andrew's as we remember Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. This year on Easter Monday the Revd Beth Cope organised a round walk to the 5 village churches in our group which was a great opportunity to have a chat and meet people from the other villages.

The work for the replacement of the stolen roof lead and repairs to some of the masonry has continued at a pace particularly the new roof for the Chancel and the internal repainting of the Chancel and Sanctuary. Whilst we have inevitably uncovered some unexpected problems the work has progressed smoothly thanks in no small part to the skill of the carpenters, roofers and painters. We now move into the next phase which is to make the church a more attractive and usable space for the whole community. If you would like to use the church for an event and not just baptisms, weddings and funerals then please contact us, for example we host a weekly pilates class on Thursday mornings in the belfry.

Events

March 31st: Tea a la Ritz

Thank you so much to everyone who came and shared a fantastic tea with us on Mothering Sunday. The sandwiches were tasty, the scones light and lovely, the waiters truly attentive and the entertainment simply first class! A good time was had by all and there were even some extra cakes and scones to take home in case you felt peckish later. Thank you to everyone who came. We raised £297 for church funds.

Saturday, June 8th 2 - 5pm Soft Toys Zipwire Challenge

We hope those soft toys have taken the opportunity to do some altitude training over the winter because the annual St Andrew's soft toy balloon ride and zipwire challenge is here! This is your toy's chance to enjoy a panoramic view of Swavesey from the top of the tower before he or she swoops down to earth on a zipwire. As always, all toys will be checked by our Soft Toy medics before they are cleared for flight and a certificate will be awarded to all successful pilots.

Refreshments for nervous owners and a range of children's activities will be available in the church.

"Wind in the Willows" : Sunday, August 4th

The "This is my theatre" group which performed Alice in Wonderland in the church last summer will be presenting Wind in the Willows on Sunday, August 4th at 3pm. Refreshments will be available from 2pm.

Tickets can be obtained from www.thisismytheatre.com or 0773225311 or at the door. General tickets will cost: £10, Concessions: £8, Family ticket for four: £32.



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1 st Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
2 nd Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
3 rd Sunday of the month	08:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4 th Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	All Age Service with Baptisms
5 th Sunday of the month	10:30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Holy Communion

To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Team Administrator or the Churchwardens:

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Rev'd Jenny Hill Email: revdjennyhill@5folds.org.uk

Team Administrator. Telephone: 01954 203459
Gillian Beal. (Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00) or
Email: admin@5folds.org.uk

To arrange use of the church for concerts or other events, please contact either of the churchwardens:

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Mr Martin Herrington Telephone: 01954 230894 or
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 St Andrew's Church Swavesey



The Parish Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Children's Services

At present, we do not have a Sunday School for younger children but we have a range of "Busy Bags" hanging at the back of the church which contain books and activities for children under 11. Young people over 11 are very welcome at Branches, our youth group, which meets during the 11 a.m. service on the first, second and third Sundays of the month to study the Bible and discuss a range of subjects. There is an All Age Service on the fourth Sunday when the children join the main congregation.

Contact Elizabeth Street: Telephone 01954 232358
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Bell Ringing

We have a bell ringing group that rings weekly before the 11:00 a.m. service. If you are interested in bell ringing please contact the churchwardens in the first instance.

Church Choir

Our church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.

Contact John Mullett: Telephone: 077026 79191 or
Email: johnajmullett@gmail.com

Events Group

We host a variety of events and entertainment throughout the year for both the young and the not so young. Some events are for outreach and some to raise funds for the work of the church. If you would like to know about the events please see our notice boards at the church or contact our events leader.

Contact Jacqui Fuller: Telephone: 01954 230774
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Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. See http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk . For more info see: www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). care-network.org.uk/
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver

CLUB INFORMATION

Amy Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Sgt Phill Barrett phone 07786981380																							
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Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - Dave Morrison on 07469 170318 Secretary - Colin Baker on 0797 6636771 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972																							
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2ant53@yahoo.co.uk																							
1st Swavesey Scout Group	<u>All sections meet on Tuesday at the Scout Hut on the SVC site</u> <u>Beavers - 16:45 to 17:45 Contact: Marian Bentley</u> <u>Email: marian.bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk</u> <u>Cubs - 18:00 to 19:15 Contact: Janet Stones</u> <u>Email: janet.stones@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk</u> <u>Scouts - 19:30 to 21:00 Contact: Jim Burling</u> <u>Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk</u> For any other Scouting issues Contact: Jim Burling Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk																							
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 2 – 4 years) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email evandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 or 07803 812221.																							
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details see: www.swaveseyms.co.uk																							

Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
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British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert Bond 01954201645 RBL or robert.bond4@ntlworld.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
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Fenland Squash Club	Located at Swavesey Village College. Swavesey Fenland Squash Club offers team, league and friendly squash matches and has clubnights, tournaments as well as racketball. For details contact: Brian Chapman 07982 658614 Jamie Tuffee 07807 968768 Chris Ramsdale 07906 671340 Details of the club including contact details can be found at: www.fenlandsquash.co.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
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Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.00 to 9.00pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Wednesdays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from s.taylor996@btinternet.com swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk
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Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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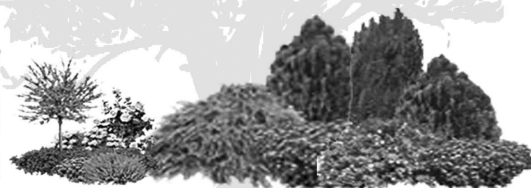
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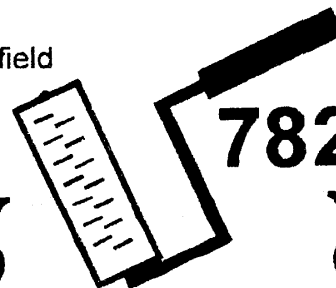
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